

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) Removable roof for a motor vehicle passenger car, which covers an opening between a windshield frame and a body frame structure of a body of the passenger car extending behind vehicle occupant seats, the removable roof ~~is on the one hand,~~ including two roof elements, each of said roof elements being held in position by a form-lockingly operating fixing system ~~and, on the other hand, and~~ by a locking system, which locking system is operative between the roof and the vehicle body frame structure constructed as a rollover bar system,

wherein the locking system ~~of the roof~~ has at least one locking device cooperating with the rollover bar system and comprising an operating device with a locking pin which engages in a closing crank,

wherein the operating device is fastened to one of the roof elements and the closing crank is fastened to the rollover bar system,

wherein the locking pin is mounted on a crank arm connected with a swivel shaft, which swivel shaft is connected with a manual lever, and

wherein the manual lever comprises a control plate rotatable about a vehicle longitudinally extending axis and having a surface which is aligned flush with respect to interior walls of one of the roof elements.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) Removable roof according to Claim 1, wherein the form-lockingly operated fixing system is a first fixing system, and wherein a second fixing system is operative between the operating device and the closing crank.

5. (Currently amended) Removable roof according to Claim 4, wherein the second fixing system has an upright conical locking pin which cooperates with a receiving opening.

6. (Original) Removable roof according to Claim 5, wherein the locking pin is mounted on the operating device, and the receiving opening is provided on the closing crank.

7. (Currently amended) Removable roof according to ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the manual lever is accommodated in a roof element recess ~~of a roof element of the roof~~.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) Removable roof according to ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the manual lever, the swivel shaft and the locking pin are constructionally combined and are fastened to one of the roof elements by means of screws ~~on a roof element of the roof~~.

10. (Currently amended) Removable roof according to Claim 7, wherein the manual lever, the swivel shaft and the locking pin are constructionally combined and are fastened to one of the roof elements by means of screws ~~on the roof element of the roof~~.

11. (Original) Removable roof according Claim 5, wherein the receiving opening and the closing crank are constructionally combined and are fastened by means of screws on the rollover bar system.

12. (Currently amended) Removable roof according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~roof has~~ two roof elements are fitted together in a longitudinal center plane of the passenger car, and

wherein for each roof element, two operating devices are provided which cooperate with corresponding closing cranks on the rollover bar system.

13. (Currently amended) Removable roof according to Claim 12, wherein each roof element projects by means of a rearward roof wall extension ~~beyond~~ over a groove of the rollover bar system and, by means of a first sealing section and a second sealing section, ~~extends~~ is sealed with respect to the groove or the rollover bar system.

14. (Original) Removable roof according to Claim 13, wherein the first sealing section is provided between a free end of the roof wall extension and an upright wall of the rollover bar system.

15. (Original) Removable roof according to Claim 13, wherein the second sealing section is operative between an interior wall of the roof wall extension and a horizontal wall of the groove.

16. (Currently amended) A passenger car roof assembly comprising:
a windshield frame,
a body frame structure spaced from the windshield frame with a roof opening between the windshield frame and the body frame structure, and
a removable roof member, including two roof elements operable to close at least part of the roof opening, ~~and~~
each of said roof elements including a locking system operable to lock the roof ~~member~~ element to the body frame structure,

wherein the locking system includes at least one locking device cooperating with the body frame structure and comprising an operating device with a locking pin which engages in a closing crank,

wherein the operating device is fastened to one of the roof elements and the closing crank is fastened to the body frame structure,

wherein the locking pin is mounted on a crank arm connected with a swivel shaft, which swivel shaft is connected with a manual lever, and

wherein the manual lever comprises a control plate which is rotatable about a vehicle longitudinally extending axis and which has a surface which is aligned flush with respect to interior walls of one of the roof elements.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A passenger car roof assembly according to ~~Claim 17~~ Claim 16, wherein the body frame structure is part of a vehicle rollover bar system.

19-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A passenger car roof assembly according to Claim 16, wherein the body frame structure is part of a vehicle rollover bar system, and

wherein for each roof element, two operating devices are provided which cooperate with corresponding closing cranks on the ~~rollover bar system~~ body frame structure.

22. (Currently amended) A passenger car roof assembly according to Claim 21, wherein each roof element projects by means of a rearward roof wall

extension ~~beyond~~ over a groove of the ~~rollover bar system~~ body frame structure and, by means of a first sealing section and a second sealing section, ~~extends~~ is sealed with respect to the groove or the rollover bar system body frame structure.

23. (Original) A passenger car roof assembly according to Claim 22, wherein the first sealing section is provided between a free end of the roof wall extension and an upright wall of the rollover bar system.

24. (Original) A passenger car roof assembly according to Claim 22, wherein the second sealing section is operative between an interior wall of the roof wall extension and a horizontal wall of the groove.

25. (Currently amended) A dimensionally stable removable roof member for use in a passenger car assembly having a roof opening bounded by a windshield frame and a rollover bar assembly spaced from the windshield frame, said roof member including two roof elements, each of said roof elements including form locking means at one end operable to form lockingly engage with the windshield frame and roof ~~member~~ element locking system structure at an opposite end operable to lockingly engage with a rollover bar locking system structure at the rollover bar assembly,

wherein the roof element locking system structure includes ~~one of~~ an operating device with a locking pin and a closing crank engageable with the locking pin,

wherein the operating device is fastened to one of the roof elements and the closing crank is fastened to the rollover bar assembly,

wherein the locking pin is mounted on a crank arm connected with a swivel shaft, which swivel shaft is connected with a manual lever, and

wherein the manual lever comprises a control plate which is rotatable about a vehicle longitudinally extending axis and which has a surface which is aligned flush with respect to interior walls of the one of the roof elements.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A roof member according to ~~Claim 27~~ Claim 25, wherein the manual lever is accommodated in a recess of the one of the roof member elements.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) A roof member according to ~~Claim 27~~ Claim 25, wherein the manual lever, the swivel shaft and the locking pin are constructionally combined and are fastened by means of screws on the one of the roof member elements.

31. (Currently amended) A locking system assembly for locking a rear end of a dimensionally stable roof member to a rollover ~~for~~ bar assembly in a passenger car roof assembly, with the dimensionally stable roof member being one of two dimensionally stable roof members adapted to cover a roof opening between a windshield frame and a rollover bar assembly,

wherein the locking system includes at least one locking device which in use cooperates with the rollover bar assembly and includes an operating device with a locking pin which engages in a closing crank.

wherein the operating device is fastened to the one of the dimensionally stable roof members and the closing crank is fastened to the rollover bar assembly,

wherein the locking pin is mounted on a crank arm connected with a swivel shaft, which swivel shaft is connected with a manual lever, and

wherein the manual lever comprises a control plate which is rotatable about a vehicle longitudinally extending axis and which has a surface which is aligned flush with respect to interior walls of the one of the dimensionally stable roof members.